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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS : MANFRED T. REETZ et al
SERIAL NO. : To be Assigned
FILED : Herewith
FOR : WATER-SOLUBLE NANOSTRUCTURED METAL-OXIDE
COLLOIDS AND METHOD FOR PREPARING SAME
ART UNIT : To Be Assigned
EXAMINER : To Be Assigned

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Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Insert the following as the new first paragraph: This is a 371 of PCT/EP99/08594 filed

A' on November 9, 1999.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel all of the claims in the application and substitute:

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